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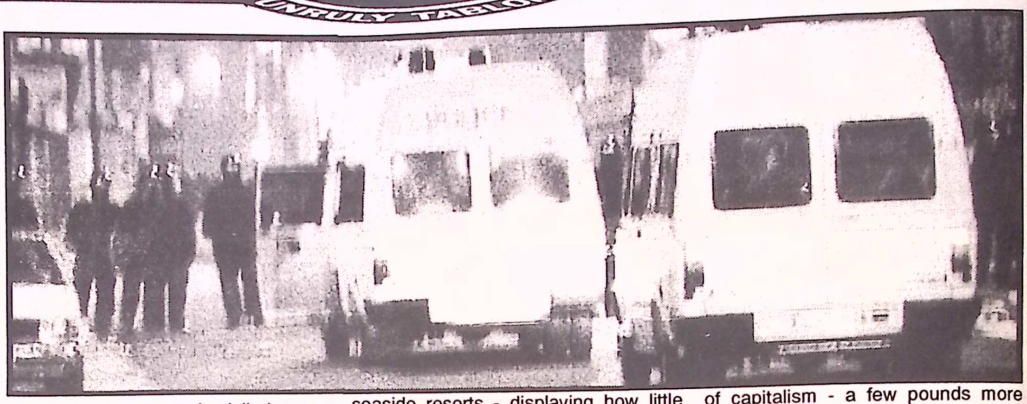


AT A time when the established left is rapidly disappearing up its own arsehole - *the Labour left have all traded in their 2CV's for BMW's in the New Look 'yuppie' Labour party* (or have been given the Order of the Boot)

And the Leninist left suffers a nose-diving crisis of confidence following the Death of State Communism and are reduced to crying into their pints, or reading the tea leafs for a sign for when the 'upturn' in class struggle will come, *the REAL 1990's class war is raging right under their noses!*

The inspirational actions of the people of Cardiff, Biringham, Oxford and Tyneside who, without the 'guideance' of a party leadership, proved themselves capable of launching the most ferocious onslaught of class violence since the Autumn of 1985, have provoked a panic in No 10.

One which is set to rush through new legistlation covering joyriding - all to reasure the blue rinse brigade that their property and priviledges are safe.

Yes we know there was some out of order things happening during the riots - *but very few* - and the days of a revolution happening in one foul swoop with the storming of the winter palace, or a general strike are over. *The new battle ground will be the streets and communities of our towns and cities.*

FARCE

Whilst John Major and Kneel Kinnock rallied the party faithfull at seaside resorts - displaying how little **REAL** difference there was between the two parties - the irrelevance of the whole parliamentary farce was plain to see.

What has Neil Pillock, holding hands and singing "*We Shall Overcome*" with a load of nodding 'yes men' and assorted arse-lickers in front of the assembled TV camera's got to offer ordinary people - *Bugger all!*

If Labour get in at next years General Election all they'll do is tinker about with some of the 'shop dressing' of capitalism - a few pounds more here and there - while they leave the basic unfair system untouched.

Whilst if the Tories get in again they'll carry on robbing us all blind - while telling us that it's for our good really. *In the end it makes no real difference to our lives whoever gets in.*

The only time real change will come about is when we tell politican and bureaucrats of all persuations to sod off - and take contol of our own lives.

50th ISSUE SPECIAL

HALF A ton up - and still going strong!

Yes it's our 50th issue and to mark this special occasion, for this issue only, we have a bumper 24 page extravaganza in store for you.

You'll find all the usual Class War goodies, Hospitalised Cop, Sally Skull and Mucksprеader to name a few, PLUS extra pages of analysis and news PLUS a pull out centre page poster.

So get stuck folks! And enjoy your biggest ever Class War.

IN BRIEF

● Over 25% of Chief Constables in England and Wales believe that there is one law for the rich, and another for the poor. According to a new report. They also reckon that the miners strike did massive damage to police public relations, "people saw the police hurting people" one said.

● *As Building societies repossess over 300 houses a day, and homelessness soares, the governments answer is to introduce new laws banning squatting in empty houses and flats - 'thousands will suffer' said one housing worker.*

● The London magistrate who throughout charges against Surrey cops accused of fitting up the Guildford Four, and those accused of violence at the Wapping strike said he thinks that the police are doing *'gods work'*. He's soon to be judging the case of the W.Midlands coppers up for lying and we wonder what the verdict will be?

● *TV-AM has lost it's franchise to run morning telly for ITV. It was run by a megalomaniac millionaire who sacked all his technicans and brought in scab labour, and Carol Thatcher, daughter of Maggie, was one among his hapless staff - for those two reasons alone Class War won't be missing it!*

BARKING MAD!

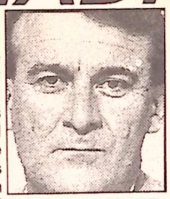
THERE WERE all the usual loony responces to the riots - Roy Hattersley forming at the mouth, right through to the 'they should all be killed at birth' King Herod wannabe's crawling out the woodwork.

Among the ideas was the Police Federation calling for the Riot Act to be re-introduced - *it was scrapped in 1967, and wasn't a complete success anyhow.*

Once when it was read out to a mob involved in the Gordon Riots, in 1780, it at first seemed to work, the people did dispearce. But only so that they could go and burn down the house of the magistrate who read it out.

Another enlighten and pro-gressive responce came from Tory MP Roger King.

He reckons that making all schools fly the flag, have pictures of the queen in assembly and forced singing of the national anthem will put a stop to outbreaks of disorder as it will make everyone feel 'more British'!



KING - MAD OR WHAT!

He's definately a few tokens short of a pop-up toaster!

PARTIAL MORON

People in Darwin, Australia, recently taught their politicians a lesson they won't forget in a hurry.

The Chief Minister, Marshall Perron, also known as Partial Moron, told everyone to tighten their belts as he slashed funding for health and education services to the tune of $108 million.

Schools and health clinics have to close down, and 1220 people lose their jobs, Then in the middle of the recession, he gives himself a whopping 25% pay rise, and his Party colleagues got similar increases.

Angry locals responded by pasting up around Darwin posters saying, *"Tighten Your Belts Around Perron's Neck, 'Perron You Are SCUM'* and *'Perron Is A Turd, Let's Flush Him Away"*.

Perron was none too pleased. As soon as the posters were scraped off, more of them mysteriously appeared, Darwin City council was infuriated and banned all posters, as well as announcing a detective hunt to catch the offenders.

But unfortunately for the authorities, free speech cannot be eradicated, and soon Partial Moron might be wondering whether that 25% is worth all the trouble it's caused him...

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FULL FRONTAL ATTACK

READERS CAN probably remember last year when Romanian miners had taken to the streets of Bucharest to support the government.

Well the tables have now turned 180 degrees, and the miners are putting the boot into their real enemies - the State.

Inflation is rampaging at over 400% and unemployment is almost a million. They've the chaos of market capitalism, with the corruption of bureaucratic Stalinism - *THE WORST OF BOTH WORLDS!*

The government has lost the support of the people, they've promised what they can't deliver, and they're mostly all from the old hated regime. In short they are right up shit creek creek with a leaky boat!

There have been strikes and demo's all summer, and when the miners heard that they were to be the next victim of cuts they went on the offensive. They hijacked two trains to the captial, and with the eager support of passers by and other locals they attacked, and ransacked the government HQ.

The Prime Minister went on French TV to say that what they had was "*a putsch from below*". Too right, and they'd better get used to it because the workers have realised what power they really have.

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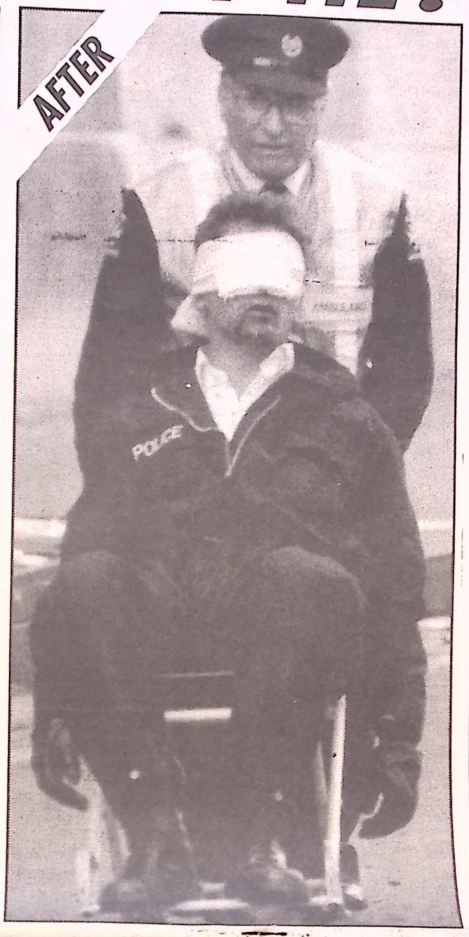


UNDER THEIR VERY NOSES

A DOZY PC from Merthyr Tydfil, in South Wales, had a bit of a surprise when he was called to out to investigate a burning car.

When he arrived at the scene imagine his surprise when he found out that the burning wreck of a Ford Sierra, was none other than his own, nicked from the police station earlier.

So much for South Wales Constabulary's much publicised crackdown on car thefts.

Class War would like to see a different sort of 'Vehicle Watch', where you watch the motors of the rich and their lackey's go up in flames!

A COINSIDENCE PERHAPS???

WHEN MICHAEL Heseltine gave the Mowlem group the go-ahead to extend London City airport the other week, their shares soared on the prospect of the expected trebling of business.

Class War is sure his decision really had nothing to do with Mowlem giving almost £35,000 to the Tory party last year!

ONCE A SCAB ALWAYS A SCAB!

OVER 600 lorry drivers who scabbed during Rupert Murdoch's News International strike are to be sacked.

The drivers were employed by TNT, and were used by Murdoch to do the vital task of getting his strike-bound papers out to the newsagents.

During the bitter dispute, which saw mass rioting and 'hit squad' attacks on News International depots, the drivers crossed picket lines and doomed the strikers to the dole queue. In return they were offered fat wage packets, and job security - *now they've discovered that like everyone else they are expendable.* The drivers are reported to be feeling "betrayed".

Well tough fucking luck! - after taking Murdoch's money and betraying thousands of printers now they know what it feels like.

PULL THE OTHER ONE

THE NHS 'matron', wearing full uniform, who the Tories trotted out at their conference last week - and who spoke in glowing terms about the NHS reforms last worked in the NHS in 1978!

She was in fact a Tory local councillor, from Pinner, who defended her action by saying that as she's the boss of an agency that supplies care workers for old peoples homes, she knows "all about it"

FEE-BULL-SHIT

TOP TORY educationalist, Baroness Warnock said *recently that toffs who send their kids to private boarding schools should get State cash to help pay the fees!*

Well that makes sense! Whilst State schools crumble and close through lack of cash we are supposed to fork out for little Hugo and Charlotte to enjoy the life of luxury at Eton and Rodean, where they then learn to be the next generations ruling class.

YES! HE'S WEARING "HARM-ME" HAIRSPRAY!

DOUG HIS OWN GRAVE!

DOUG NAYSMITH, a leading Bristol Labour Councillor, and Chair of the Bristol Docks Committee has tried to show how *'nice and moderate'* he is by prosing that Bristol docks imports South African coal.

At the expense, no doupt, of miners jobs just across the Bristol channel in South Wales, and against the direct wishes of South African miners who have asked that *NO* coal be imported.

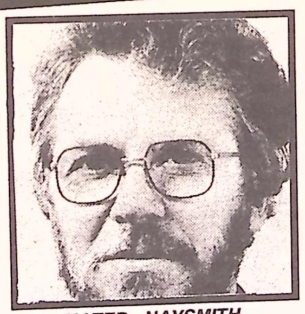
Naysmith, who's hobbies include sending bailiffs into peoples homes, and then making sure that his chums on the bench send them down for not paying their poll tax, is also a Labour Parliamentry candidate.

Naysmith is also probably one of the most hated bureaucrats in Bristol, *even his own Labour Party colleagues detest him!*

DAUBED

Naysmith doesn't see any problem with him being chair of the docks Committee, and ALSO being a director of First Corporate, the private firm who the council has just flogged the docks to! And we're sure that this has nothing to do with him wanting to bring in the S. African Coal and the fat profits that it will bring First Corporate.

Naysmiths enthusiasm for S. African coal, regardless of the slave-labour type conditions that produce it, isn't shared by the South Wales miners who'll lose their jobs when the plan goes ahead. At a recent Bristol District Labour party meeting Doug got to his feet and said *"I'm proud of what I'm doing."*



HATED - NAYSMITH

However his pride is already feeling dented as his house was recently daubed with slogans, and a demo is being planned outside his plush house, in what promises to be the start of a fiery campaign against him.

But we'll leave the last word on the subject to the General Secretary of the S. African N.U.M. and what he said at the British N.U.M's national conference last year; *"The boycotting of S. African coal and gold is one of the most important weapons against the S. African state. As for it being cheap coal, a thousand miners died last year, that for us cannot be classed as cheap."*

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DONT TRUST THE TRUSTS

THE GOVERNMENT is doing its best to destroy the NHS and create a "two-tier" system of health care, where the rich get the best treatment and everyone else gets the left overs.

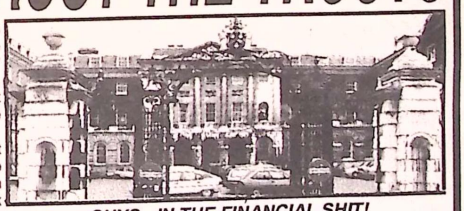
The whole idea of Trust hospitals is their being the first step to bring in privatisation, by the back door. Despite all the Tories bleatings about "the NHS is safe in our hands" *- Yeah, About as safe as a monkey playing with a hand grenade!*

Privatisation, whether its done piece-meal or in one big go, means that our health service will be run on profit motives by businessmen and who don't know one end of a stethoscope from another.

IN THE SAME BOAT

Already NHS staff are getting seriously pissed off as they are being told to refuse new patients in the new profit-motivated trusts.

One of the first big hospitals, a 'flagship' of the scheme, Guy's in south London, has had to ask businesses to sponsor intensive-care baby cots, with the offer of the chance of winning a month's use of a Rolls Royce! J



GUYS - IN THE FINANCIAL SHIT!

Guy's freely admits that it's in such financial shit that it had to cut £6.8 MILLION already! So they've slashed the amount of patients they treat. Other NHS 'flagship' hospitals are in the same boat.

We believe that safe, free, and immediate health care is the right of *EVERYONE*.

Not something that rich aristocratic prats like William Walegrave and lying politicians, who all have BUPA anyway, should be allowed to tinker with so that their City friends can make a fast buck, and they can enjoy yet more cuts in the top rate of tax.

But it's something we must do for ourselves, and not just let another bunch of power hungry gits take over and control.

SHIT HOT GOSSIP WITH... SALLY SKULL

CAUGHT WITH HIS PANTS DOWN!

THE STINKING moral hypocrisy of the Establishment has reached new heights with the exposure of the Director of Public Prosecutions as secret kerb-crawler.

These people who from their high-up positions preach down to the rest of us about obeying and respecting the law, that the recent riots were caused by a "breakdown in the moral fibre in this country" and that we must return to Victorian family values, all go about getting their secretaries pregnant, or having it off with some poor 19 year old woman trying to make ends meet by going on the game.

Some return to "family values" that was!

Since Sir Allan Green is going to be in need of a job, can I suggest he goes into publishing. Why not a book on the "Best Explanations Offered by Kerb Crawlers" Some entries he could use include;

"Thank God, officer. Can you help? I can't get this woman out of my car." (Former High Court judge found kerb crawling in Chapeltown, Leeds)

"I'm looking for a transvestite who assaulted me three weeks ago. A lady came up to my car and I waved her away. My bishop has every confidence in me." (A vicar found kerb crawling in Whalley Range, Manchester.)

"I thought she had been attacked and I was asking if I could help her." (Fraud squad chief nicked by a plainclothes WPC.)

STUPID OVERGROWN LUMBERING MONSTER!

THERE IS so much stuff that I could write about the Fergie Monster that I'm thinking of renaming this column to do it all justice!

I have now become convinced that she is suffering from some inherited brain disorder, passed down from years of upper class inbreeding, that makes her so thick, tactless and stupid. In the last few weeks alone she has;

● Angered the posh, Laura Ashley dressed mums at Princess Bea's private nursery school in Windsor, by making them all use the side door, while she uses the front entrance. *This came hot on the heels of her ordering the school to make all under five's wear a £100 school uniform.*

● Had a British Airways plane delay it's flight from New York, for over an hour, leaving the passengers to swelter on the runway, so that she could catch it. *When she arrived she was so embarrassed at all the dirty looks and attitude she was getting she hid in the bogs for half an hour.*

● Went on radio's *Women's Hour* to plug her her new book, and angrily refused to answer questions about how much she earns saying that "it's my business."

Despite the fact that it was pointed out to her that WE pay for her to live her life of privilege and pleasure, and have every right to know.To a stunned audience she then whined on about why she can't understand why people don't like her!

Fergie's outstanding ability to make herself look a right prat makes even Gazza look like a master of diplomacy. But when compared to that brain dead moron of a husband she's got I suppose it isn't all that surprising.

And there's one thing we have to be grateful to her for, she's made royalty more unpopular than ever with ordinary people. King Herrod couldn't have done a better job himself!

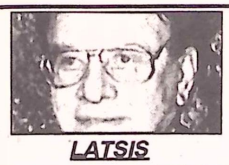
● **P.S. I've been told that in its early days 2000AD comic featured a overgrown, lumbering monster who lived in a sewer called "Fergie." Are these two related by any chance?** ***I think we should be told!!!***

CROOKED CASH

WITH THE Tories half way through their "Who Runs Labour" poster campaign. They seem strangely reluctant to speak up about who pays the bills at Conservative Central Office.

And with them being a little shy about the subject it was left to others to expose the web of fascists, con men, and insider dealers who fund the Tories to the tune of millions of pounds a year. *They include such upstanding, responsible members of the community as,*

ASHCROFT



LATSIS

STERLING

LI KA-SHING - A Hong Kong billionaire with convictions for insider dealing. He gave at least £100,000.

ASIL NADIR - A Cyprus based 'businessman'. The 'brains' behind the Polly Peck empire that crashed with huge debts, and him facing 18 charges ranging from theft to false accounting. *He stumped up cash to the tune of £1.5million for party coffers.*

MICHAEL ASHCROFT - The boss of ADT, accused of fraud and insider dealing, who nearly became party treasurer with the backing of Kenneth Baker, Cecil Parkinson and Dennis Thatcher. He has guaranteed £3million of the Tories £12million overdraft.

JEFFREY STERLING - Boss of P&O, who got off Scot free after the Zeebrugge disaster, and after giving the Tories *at least* £600,000. Since then he has been given a peerage and a knighthood. *Pure coincidence I'm sure...*

But everybody knows this goes on. There is nothing new about it. For years capitalist bosses have got together with politicians to conspire to make themselves richer, and to keep us in our place.

This squalid series of back scratching and bribery should come as a surprise to no one, except the poncy, middle class students and social worker types in the lefty groups, who seem so outraged by it all.

Quotes

"Some men are born mediocre, some men achieve mediocrity and some men have mediocrity thrust upon them. With John Major it's all three."

Tom Sawyer, Labour Party chairman.

"The riots are only connected by one single fact. They are the result of lawless behaviour which cannot be excused and must be severely punished. The residents should be grateful to the police for the prompt action they took."

Labour's shadow home secretary, Roy Hattersley.

"You used to have small villages with a village idiot, but there was a family structure looking after the village idiot. People do not feel it's their responsibility anymore."

Nicholas Bennett, the Tory minister in charge of Community Care!

"Death and destruction puts a roof over my head, food in my belly and a new car under me. A day without violence is like a day without sunshine."

A Los Angeles cop.

"End of recession in sight for small businesses."

Nat West Bank press release, 19 August.

"There is little sign of the recession lifting in the small firms sector."

Nat West Bank press release, 20 August.!

"Thank God I don't have to go to the bloody thing this year."

Dennis Thatcher, on the Tory party conference.

"I gave instructions for water, bread and canned food to be distributed to them. But unfortunately these cans were used to break windows, many of them in the Government building."

PETRA ROMAN, Romanian Prime Minister on the miners in Bucharest.

"Please let me go. I won't to it again."

Sir ALAN GREEN, Ex - DPP.

the only good reason..

NOW I DON'T give a toss if Labour win the next general election, okay they might indulge in some token 'gesture' politics, and increase pensions etc by a couple of quid, but we'll still be in the same boat we are now.

But I've just found one fantastic reason not only for voting Labour, but also for going out canvassing and making sure everyone else does. ***What is it you ask.***

Have they said they'll machine gun the Royal Family? Are they planning to have the rich burned at the stake? No, but Jim Davidson has said that he'll flee the country and work in America if they win!

Well good fuckin' riddance! Davidson, who in his spare time likes nothing more than a spot of wife beating, or poncing about with his 'mates' in the SAS, is such a load of bollocks as a 'comic', with his dated sexist and racist garbage that he spews out of his ugly gob, that even ITV had enough of him and last year cancelled his show.

I predict that Davidson, who's fan club is so small it holds its meetings in a phone box, will find Americans about as interested in his washed-out act as we are.

Maybe he could sod-off back to the Falklands where he once went to 'entertain' the troops. As least he'll find an audience that appreciates him in the sheep and penguins! **Or am I being unfair to them???**

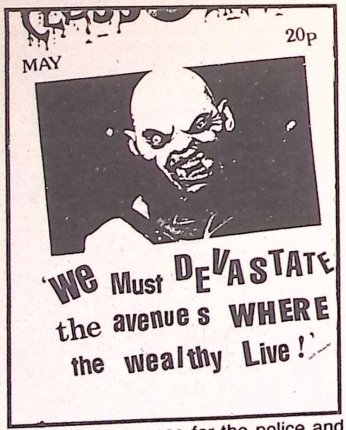
50 TO THE RULING CLASS

THIS SPECIAL section celebrates ten years of vibrant working class resistance in Britain, and the first fifty editions of *Class War* that have championed that resistance.

THIS WAS a decade when the ungovernable class, *both in daily life and pitched street battles, continually* gave the lie to the consensus middle ground politics of Tory and Labour.

In those ten years, while the end of the working class was predicted by left and right alike, by Thatcher, Major and Kinnock, *that same ungovernable class conspicuously failed to read its obituary notice.*

In 1981 riots seared like wildfire around the country, rendering city



centres no-go areas for the police and spreading to county towns and dreaming spires.

LONG HOT SUMMER

From Toxteth to Tunbridge Wells the blissful hot summer of 1981 smouldered and ignited as whole communities rose up.

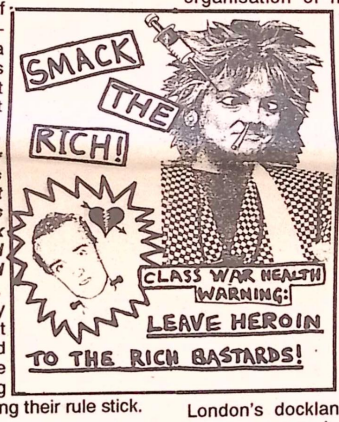
In 1990 uprisings against the poll tax erupted outside every council chamber and shire hall culminating in that glorious carnival of insurrection at Trafalgar Square.

10,000 riotous working class heroes were cheered by another 200,000 as they torched buildings, fought cops with scaffolding poles, and brought the reality of class war to the cossetted rich of the West End.

Downing Street escaped storming by a hair's breadth as the fresh memory of Ceaucescu's downfall in Romania inspired thousands to believe that Thatcher could meet the same fate.

In a way she did. Millions of non-payers resisting court orders and bailiffs made her Poll Tax un-collectable and consigned it, and her, to the dustbin.

For a supposedly strong government with a subdued working class, the Tories were having a lot of trouble making their rule stick.



OUR POWER

The defeat of the poll tax by popular resistance followed the collapse of the football supporters' ID scheme and plans for Housing Action Trusts on council estates. We, the working class, stopped these initiatives by our physical power on the streets, estates and terraces.

The government could no more control its legislative programme than it could enforce rule in the inner cities where the cops feared to go except in convoys of riot vans.

The 1985 uprisings in Handsworth, Brixton and Tottenham saw whole communities pounding the cops to defeat. Who could forget the look of uncomprehending fear which flitted across the face of Douglas Hurd as he was stoned in Handsworth or the phoney blustering of David Waddington when jostled and spat at in Central London?

CLASS WARFARE

The miners' strike saw ferocious class warfare spilling across the whole country - the pitched battles at Orgreave and Mansfield, the self organisation of hit squads as they wreaked havoc on NCB property throughout the coalfields.

The pit villages of South Yorkshire became ungovernable where the only authority was the raw class power of the miners themselves.

The Tories' writ ran no larger in Maltby and Grimethorpe than in Crossmaglen.

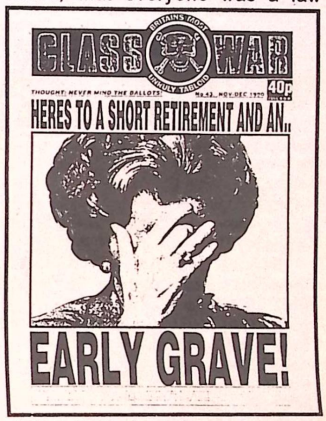
Nightly battles raged outside **Stalag Wapping** whilst, nearby in London's docklands, yuppie bashing became a popular local pastime and rich newcomers were forced to protect themselves with security guards and barbed wire to prevent local youth exacting a *"yuppie tax."*

So much for the classless society.

Before Andy Murphy of **Class War** appearing on television, gave voice to the feeling that the Trafalgar Square rioters were working class heroes, the interviewer warned that *"some viewers may find these opinions offensive"* - Bollocks!

Not the millions who stared with disbelief and joy at their TV screens because at last someone had the bottle to say what they thought.

The image constructed by the media, that everyone was a law

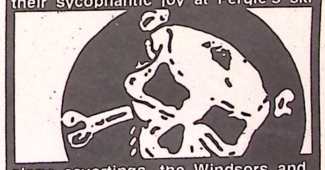


abiding, forelock tugging, respect-your-betters moderate was exploded by the popularity of police bashing as both an urban and rural Saturday night pastime.

GOT STUCK IN

When the Grand Hotel in Brighton was blown up millions of working class people devoutly cursed that Thatcher had escaped, and got stuck into their bacon and eggs with joyful gusto as TV screens showed Tebbit submerged in the wreckage.

Despite the media grovelling to the Royal family, expecting us to share their sycophantic joy at Fergie's ski



slope cavortings, the Windsors and their hangers-on were roundly damned as parasitic wasters in working class homes throughout the country.

Meanwhile, hundreds of thousands squatted empty flats and houses rather than tolerate the absurdity of bed and breakfasts or council waiting lists.

The nation's army of shoplifters did much to redress economic inequality - shopping without money finding its ultimate expression in the ram raider' joyous trashing of luxury cars.

WHAT DO YOU CALL SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T OWN THE PROPERTY THEY LIVE IN, AVOIDS THE POLL TAX, PAYS NO RENT, AND EXPECTS THE TAXPAYER TO FOOT THE BILL..?

Your Majesty

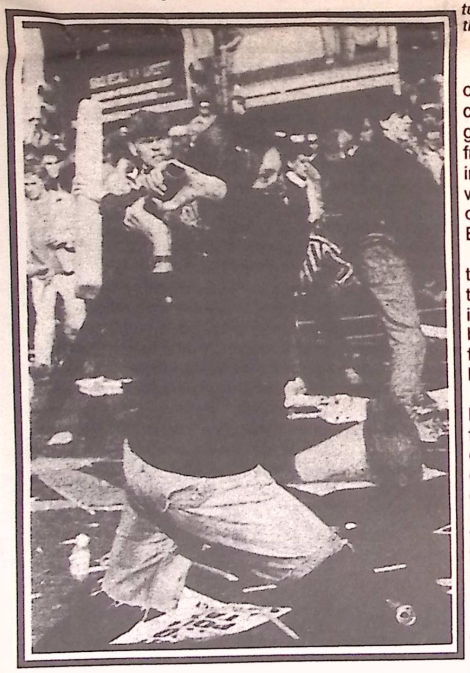
RETALIATION

thwarted the merger dreams of many a smug club chairman.

Holiday homes continued to blaze merrily in North Wales where ten years of fruitless police investigation were frustrated by the community's total silence.

Bengali and Asian youth told 'respectable' community leaders to **fuck off** with their whining about lack of police action on racist attacks. They organised their own community defence campaigns and recognised the wisdom of getting your retaliation in first.

In 1986 and 1990, culminating in the Strangeways uprising, the prisons erupted. Not even in its own belly could the state guarantee law and order.



For many of the dispossessed working class the loss of community or solidarity at work was re-created in those fleeting adrenalin moments of confrontation or riot when they fought as one with complete strangers, shared ammunition, built barricades, hugged and laughed and cursed as the fighting ebbed and flowed.

Thatcher's whispered remark following her 1987 election victory that "we must do something about the inner cities" was no philanthropic gesture. It was an acknowledgement, after the '81 and '85 riots, that these remaining areas of working class solidarity were a physical threat to her survival.

The Tories' solution was widespread social engineering and policing by design rather than overt repression. ***The Urban Development Councils*** *homed in on any derelict dockland wharf or canalside adjacent to the city centre and paved the way for yuppie invasions.*

Inspector Pearman in Notting Hill discovered it was easier to close down the Mangrove Club by turning it into a wine bar than by endless drug raids.

FRONT LINES

The buzzing front lines of '85 were, by '91, colonised by artists' galleries and picture framers, without a copper in sight. Dispossessed, the working class was shipped off to reservations in Basildon or Basingstoke.

The ID cards scheme, the ending of standing on the terraces and the introduction of executive boxes were intended to do for football what yuppies had done for Docklands.

Do-it-yourself acid house parties quickly followed the Notting Hill carnival, free festivals and outdoor rock concerts as gatherings where the potential for disorder meant they had to be banned or turned into dead events in all seater stadia run by the cops.

Outdoor drinking in city centres was outlawed.

Curfews were introduced to try to stop large groups attacking the police after night club chucking out time. The only occasions when the working class could regain control of their own territory were outlawed.

The spectre of violent disorder was continually raised to justify a massive extension of police activity. The inner cities, football grounds, acid house raves and hippy convoys were all full of bloodthirsty people who had to be policed out of existence.

Can there be a more ludicrous image of the 1980's than the thousands of paramilitary police guarding Stonehenge at the request of English Heritage from the presence of the only people for whom the stones had any meaning?

MEDIA MYTHS

Along with this fear of disorder went carefully constructed media myths that the working class was never lawless - trouble was always caused by a handful of 'outsiders'.

The Daily Express claimed that the '81 riots were caused by three people on motorbikes travelling around the country.

The Daily Mail exclusively revealed that people with foreign sounding accents had been overheard at a bus queue in North London following the Broadwater Farm riot.

THE STANDARD
BRIGHTON BOMB SPECIAL
Blast kills two... Tebbit is trapped... Maggie defiant
Please, please GET ME OUT!
HOSPITALISED TORIES Nº1

'Non-miners' caused the trouble during the miners' strike, football hooligans weren't 'real' football fans, **acid house** parties were organised a drug baron, and agitators toured pubs offering punters £20 to join poll tax riots.

Meanwhile our 'own' working class was supposed to be sitting at home eating fish and chips, drinking carry-outs from the off licence, watching satellite TV and never gathering in threatening numbers on the street unless led astray by 'outsiders'.

LAW BREAKING

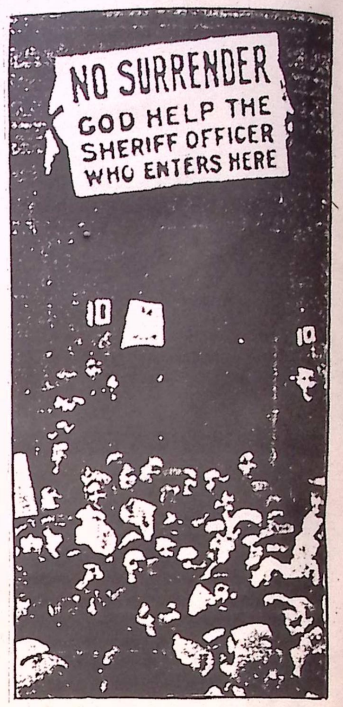
Unable to counter the loony rantings of the media, the entire left off-loaded its agenda and hightailed it for the centre ground.

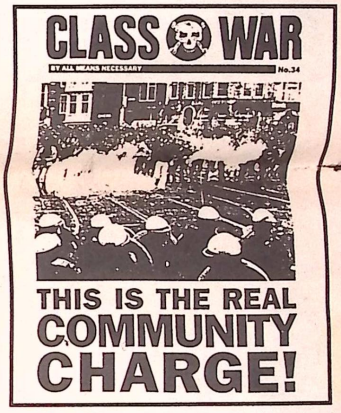
Kinnock and Hattersley tried to out-Thatcher the Tories in their commitment to law and order, deploring all law breaking, upto and including, the evasion of TV licenses.

Non-payment and violent street demonstrations could never defeat the poll tax ,- *for that we had to wait for the election of a Labour government!*

Paralysed to the point where they could say nothing that the media would construe as extreme, the Cunningham/ Gould waxwork dummies spouted endless empty slogans about "Opportunity Britain' and 'Our children's children's children'.

Militant, too were stronger on law and order than the Tories and promised on television to name the poll tax rioters.





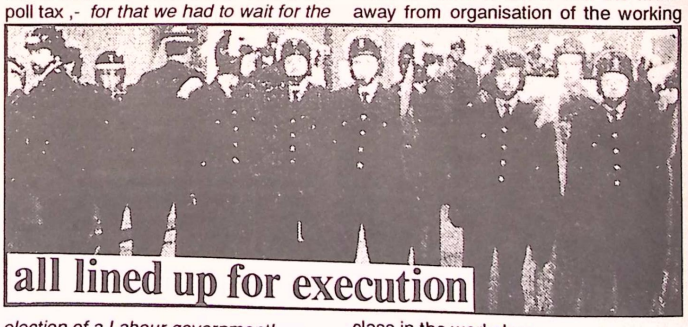
The **Communist Party** dissolved itself and its leading theoretician Bea Campbell, became the country's foremost exposer of satanic covens.

The collapse of Soviet style communism was a large and overdue nail in the coffin of Leninists. ***In the real world the left had quite simply gone down the plughole.***

Part of the left's problem was that it failed to come to terms with the move away from organisation of the working class in the workplace.

The rapid decline in traditionally militant heavy industries such as coal and steel meant that the struggle in the workplace was no longer central.

The left continued its' motion passing votes in NALGO and demanding this, that or the other of the TUC, but the punters didn't give a toss.



GUERILLA WARFARE

Just as closing down the pits had been more effective than baton charges in dealing with miners' guerrilla warfare, so gentrification proved more effective than the use of snatch squads in quelling inner city resistance.

Pushed out of the city centres, it is on the large council estates where the working class are unleashing the most ferocious class warfare yet seen.

The battle to control that territory - to keep the police out - has been going on in 'slow rioting' for years on estates from Glasgow to Plymouth.

But now feet are stretching, literally, for the accelerator. Ram-raiding and joy-riding, and subsequent battles against the cops, are the real expression of class war in 1991. As the youth centres and shopping malls go up in smoke, the left can only gasp with incomprehension.

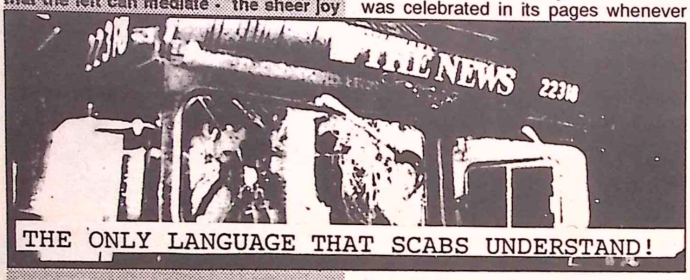
The rioters are making no demands that the left can mediate - the sheer joy of the action is an end in itself.

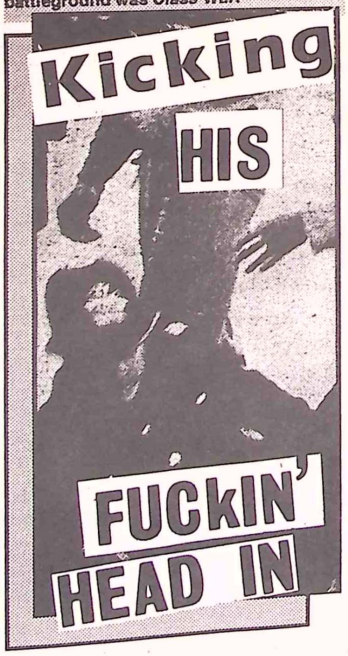
The increased sophistication of tactics - *taking generators out to make looting easier*, chopping down trees and telegraph poles with chain saws to make barricades, *disrupting police communication with jamming equipment, firing flares at* helicopters - are a joy to behold.

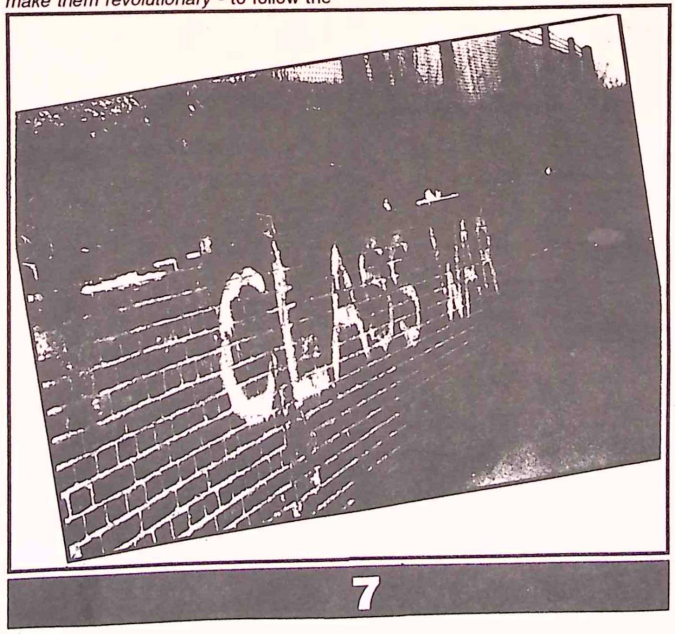
Oxford, Cardiff, Handsworth and North Shields in the early Autumn of '91 are but the first shots in the soon to be fought battles that will rage the length and breadth of Britain.

Battles in the community - over control of territory, space and time - have become the pivotal point of today's struggle.

The only paper that reflected this new battleground was *Class War*.







The ungovernability of our class was celebrated in its pages whenever and wherever it broke out. *Class War* offered no apologies for class combativity, no excuses for class warfare, no explanations based of leftist bleating about homes, jobs and how nasty police were.

We knew all that already.

We didn't need some middle class jerk of a Trotskyist to take us through the 'stages of history' or tell us about 'transitional demands' which could never be met.

We didn't need it because we were working class - our politics was lived as a part of our everyday lives, not treated as a hobby like train-spotting or hang gliding.

The working class don't need their heads filled up with propaganda to make them revolutionary - to follow the eternal flame of the correct line - **they know what is needed instinctively.**

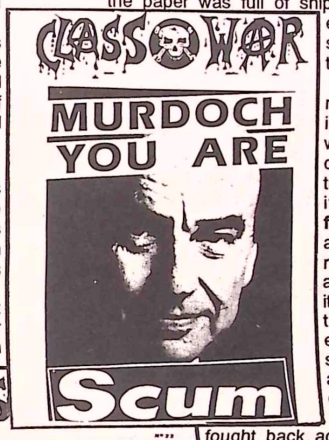
All they lack is confidence in their collective combativity, autonomy and ability to win after years of defeatist bleatings and apologetics.

LIFEBLOOD

To increase this confidence *Class War* had to act as well as talk. 'Action is the lifeblood - without action you're posing' as one class warrior put it.

We didn't just reassert the solidarity of our communities, we took part in the struggle. *There are no 'outsiders' in the working class and we poured into outbreaks of class war fare wherever they occurred.*

Riots, strikes, community defences, tea dances - we were there with a petrol bomb in one had, a paper in the other, **and a big smile on our faces.**



We reported the great eruptions but the paper was full of snippets about everyday struggle too.

In the run down inner cities where our class was turned in on itself we **fought** against resignation and passivity, rejecting the dead end of anti-social crime and dog eat-dog.

We fought back against those who preyed on their own class pointing instead to the posh bastards guzzling Indonesian seaweed at *cozy little brasseries on the other side of town.*

Our politics encompassed the whole of life.

Politics was to be enjoyed, for a laugh, for a good time day by day. We were not a dull sect flogging unread papers on street corners like Jehovah's witnesses.

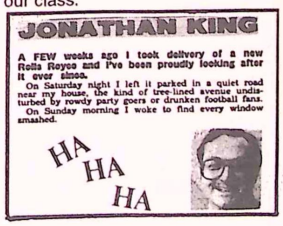
We weren't Marxist professors dressed up in donkey jackets, SWP'ers trying to flog papers to rampaging miners at Orgreave, or *Militant* grassing up the working class at Trafalgar Square.

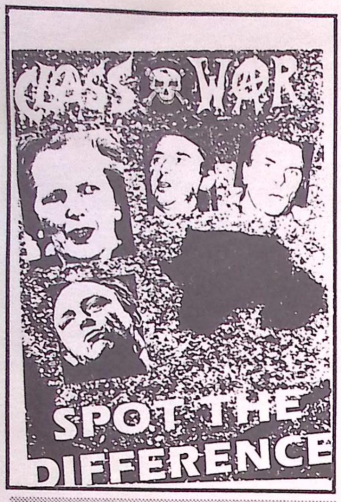
We were not a cult with the scientific truth up our sleeves.

STORMING DOWNING ST.

We understood the revolutionary process and we wanted it to lead to the **storming** of Downing Street and Buckingham Palace. But we weren't going to be good boys and girls, minding our p's and q's until that great day came.

For us the class war is about **daily combativity**, about collective action wherever possible. We were going to be ungovernable right now ... and so was our class.


JONATHAN KING
A FEW weeks ago I took delivery of a new Rolls Royce and I've been proudly looking after it ever since.
On Saturday night I left it parked in a quiet road near my house, the kind of tree-lined avenue undisturbed by rowdy party goers or drunken football fans.
On Sunday morning I woke to find every window smashed.
HA HA HA



DESTRUCTIVE

Born out of the riots of 1981, ***Class War*** has been at the forefront of the decade of disorder, bucking, rioting, rearing up, snarling, fighting tooth and nail for our class.

We are dismissed as a joke by the left - scared shitless by a working organisation which was not dominated by the middle class and was not frightened by the sweet smell and raw destructive power of our class.

We haven't doctored these pages to make them look as though we've always been right, had the correct analysis, or predicted everything in advance of it happening.

We're only human beings, not full time revolutionary zombies from the planet Trotskoid.

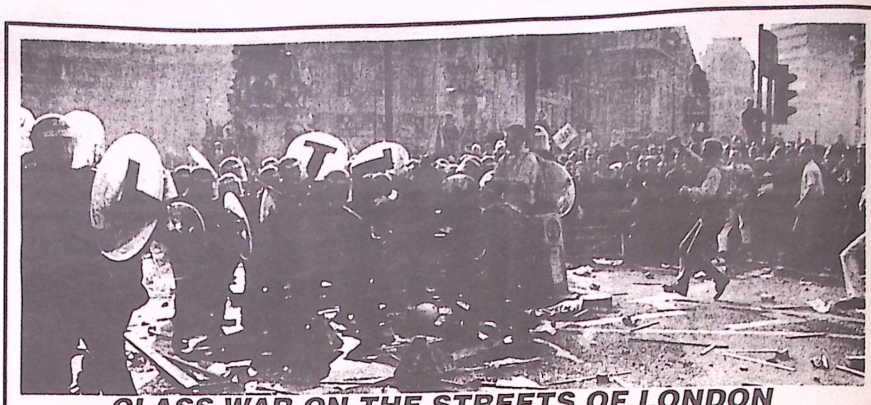
The pieces you read were part of Class War's day-to-day interventions in the struggle and they reflect the urgency and, sometimes the confusion, of those events.

Starting out as a one off with a 500 circulation produced by three people on a rainy day in a council house in Swansea, to fuck up the dead weight of pacifism and lack of class politics in the anarchist movement, the paper took off, struck a raw nerve.

NO APOLOGIES

We didn't run away from the ferocity of our politics, deny or apologise for them as soon as we were confronted. We were fighting a class war for fuck's sake... no point having one hand tied behind your back. By all means necessary, as the man said.

If a startled media rubbished us as brutal, nasty, violent, we said... ***GET USED TO IT, THERE'S LOTS MORE COMING YOUR WAY!***



CLASS WAR ON THE STREETS OF LONDON

NO WAY!

The decade ended as it began with riots in the streets of **Oxford, Cardiff, Handsworth and Tyneside.**

During the 1980's, and now in the '90s's, the British working class has refused to be cowed into submission - the past decade has been one of disorder not defeat.

Now that the opposition and government have fused into one soggy moderate centre ground the time has come for us to move away from the margins, *for our class to reassert its role as the driving force of our own destiny.*

That destiny is working class power.

OUR TIME HAS COME!

OUR DESTINY IS WORKING CLASS POWER
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EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT CLASS WAR... BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK.

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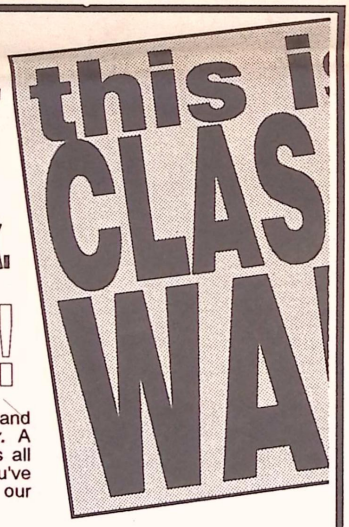

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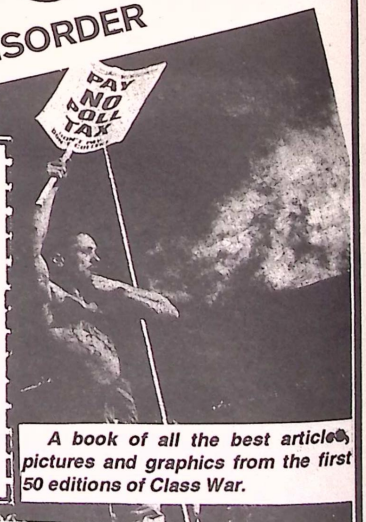

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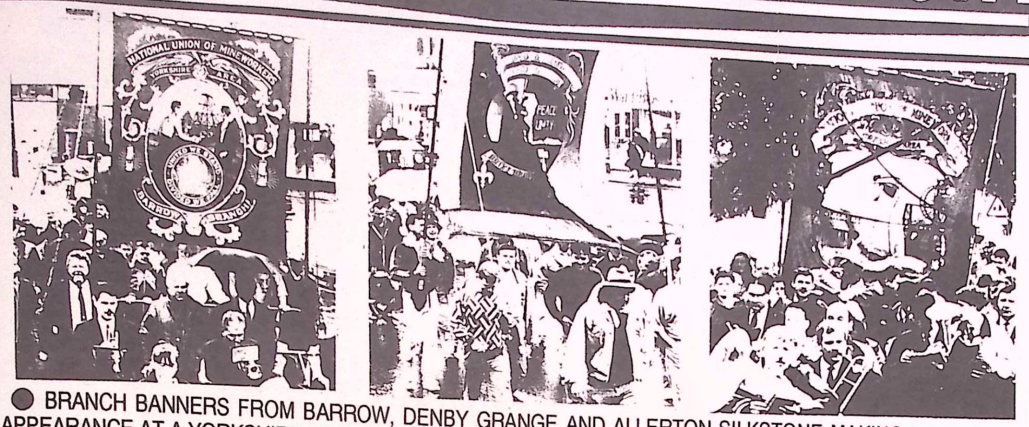


● BRANCH BANNERS FROM BARROW, DENBY GRANGE AND ALLERTON SILKSTONE MAKING THEIR LAST APPEARANCE AT A YORKSHIRE MINERS' DEMONSTRATION DUE TO IMPENDING CLOSURES.

THERE IS a mood of renewed rebellion in the Yorkshire coal fields, which is likely to continue despite a collapse of strike votes in support of action taken by the Frickley colliery.

The strike began at Frickley colliery and spread quickly to Bentley (also in the Doncaster area), and later on Kellingly colliery in North Yorkshire, as well as a number of super modern pits in Selby voted to join the action.

The strike came about because of the arbitrary sacking of A.Proverbs, an underground craftsman.

Proverbs went to work at 5 a.m, one morning, and worked in an underground tunnel in dense heat with little ventilation, until 9.30 a.m., when he sat down to wait for assistance in dismantling a machine, and where he nodded off for 10 minutes.

PICKETS

The proceeding few nights, Proverbs had been kept up by caring for his sickly newly-born baby. The bad air and the exhaustion made him nod off only to be caught by a vindictive bastard of an undermanager.

Did he wake him up and give him a warning? Not likely, he tip-toed passed him and got a witness so as to secure his sacking without further notice!

No wonder the coalfield was charged up and ready for the flying pickets to arrive. However, Frickley is already tied up with injunctions and writs for previous actions taken, and was compelled to go by the book (ie. the Tories' Employment Act) and urge a ballot in support of strike action.

Every pit in Yorkshire balloted for a strike in support of their fellow worker, British Coal waited with bated breath. Unfortunately, the fear of further pit closures, victimisation and sheer lack of bottle meant we lost the ballot for strike at most of the pits. As for A. Proverbs, he's got no job as a result

It of being a parent working hard for the welfare of his kid. ***No doubt promotion, for the scumbag undermanager.***

In Thurcroft colliery in South Yorkshire, there was an example of the shite colliers have to put up with.70 plus men were travelling on a manriding conveyor belt, which suddenly went from 5 mph. to 40 mph., the men were hurtled down a steep gradient, through narrow confines.

40 men were injured, luckily none were killed. Would British Coal pay these men who were carried off to hospital in pain and shock? Not bloody likely, they docked money from every man, from the time the belt went out of control and they became injured.

Thurcroft NUM branch retaliated by digging up an old law from 1908 (THE COAL MINERS REGULATION ACT) which states that no collier must be underground for seven and a half hours during any twenty four hours.

If the Board want to play funny buggers, the Thurcroft branch will insist in the enforcement of that law by Her Majesty's Inspectorate.

With overtime at the levels it is, with colliers spending more time underground than a potato, enforcement of this law will really fuck up there their work schedules. Wonder what the law and order freaks in government will think about enforcing this law, eh!

BOLLOCKS!

The North Selby colliery is a new pit, but with a style of management which is definitely Victorian. Two mine workers in the course of their duties were hit by red hot hydraulic oil from a pipe which exploded under pressure, hitting them in the eyes with excruciating pain.

Their work mates tried to wash out the fluid and carry them out of the pit on stretchers. Not only does the Coal Board stop payment of the injured workers, but also warns the stretcher-bearers to get back to work or they'll have no wages either.

There response was *"Bollocks"*, and walked out, followed by the rest of the pit, and the all the other shifts at the pit. At time of writing of this article the the pit is still idle, and the whole of North Yorkshire NUM is meeting to discuss the situation.

The whole of the Yorkshire area has already voted for a national overtime ban, with no safety cover, in support of our wage claims, in order to to force British Coal to negotiate.

The Board has refused to negotiate since 1985 unless we abandon representation of thousands of members in Nottinghamshire (something to do with the scab union, the UDM?). This is something we will never do, if we talk to the bastards we talk for all our members, or none at all.

We must carry the vote for some form of action to shake British Coal out of their high-handed arrogance.

Meantime, the wraps are well and truly off on the Tories grand privatisation scheme for our industry. If they get elected next time (though don't feel any safer with a Labour government), they will decimate what's left of the coalfields, keeping only 14 pits open in the whole country.

SCUMBAGS

We have long suspected this; they want to decimate the industry, but more important they want want to decimate the NUM and all it stands for. With a skeleton industry like that we'd be abandoned altogether within 5 to 10 years.

With only 55,000 NUM members left in Britain, it's time to get mad and dish some retaliation out before it's too late.

And let us not forget when we fight the Tories, to remember the scumbags like Kinnock and Willis, who with other traitors stabbed us in the back in 1984/85, the death of our communities are on their hands; these things will never got forgotten!

These are just a few examples of the current local and overall conflicts in our coalfields. NUM man, Mick McGahey in his more militant days used to say of our relationship with the Coal Board *"If ye keep running, they'll keep chasing ye".*

This has proved true as a result of our losing that strike vote for action in support of Frickley colliery.

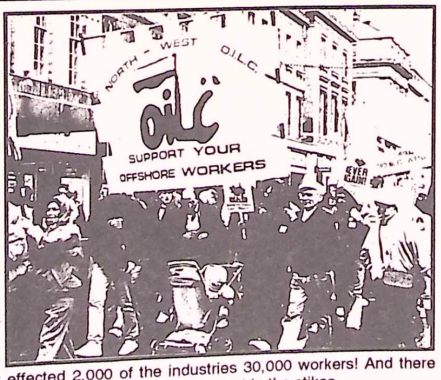
The lesson is clear, if British Coal smack you in the nose and you don't retaliate, don't be surprised when they stamp on your foot and poke you in the eye.

It's time to start dishing out some wellie of your own... and as for some of these undermanagers, you can get thumped away from the pit. **Watch where you're drinking!**

If you're going to play Hitler, expect to be found dead in the bunker.

CLASS WAR COLLIERS.

WILDCATS



THE OFFSHORE Industry Liaison Committee, which was responsible for a campaign of wildcat strikes last summer to win union recognition and improved safety off shore, are to form a new union after the established ones betrayed their demands for a stronger organisation in the North Sea.

At the recent Scottish TUC congess, officals at the AEU, EEPTU and the GMB signed a deal which left the workers no better off than before the Piper Alpha disaster in 1988.

Chair of OILC, Ronnie McDonald said he was *"disgusted"* with the deal. The 'deal' was not only crap, and hardly worth the paper it was written on, but it only effected 2,000 of the industries 30,000 workers! And there was no mention of the 50 workers who remain victimised for their part in the stikes.

OILC have taken a good step towards getting rid off the corrupt, sell-out, trade union bureaucrats that held them back for so long.

Watch this space for more news...

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*** Write to us, including any info and suggestions for the agenda at our new address in Leeds (P23)**

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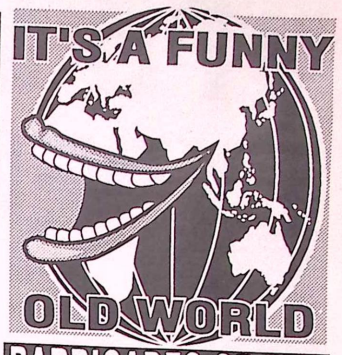


BARRICADES OF FIRE

WHEN THE Spanish State mining company, Hunosa, announced plans to axe thousands of jobs recently, 96,000 miners in Northern Spain started up a campaign of direct action with a wave of burning barricades across key roads and railways. Watch this space for more news later...

FAST FOOD

IN THE Russian city of Khabarovsk the Japanese decided to hold a trade fair to drum up business.

On the first day it opened the locals stormed in and ate all the edible exhibits!

The police chief said; *"We understand why they did this. In our city you can't even get things like ration coupons."*

EQUALITY???

JUST IN case anyone does believes the crap about apartheid coming to an end in South Africa. *Look at the way that the following court case went;*

Johan van der Westhuizen, a white farmer, was taken to court when he put a 15 year old black boy, Frank Mukhwathi, who he thought was a thief, in handcuffs then welded him to a bench.

Then he poured petrol on him and stood back laughing when he started to burn. Frank suffered terrible burns.

In court the farmer pleaded guilty and got off with a fine. But when Frank was later found guilty, by the same court, of stealing a TV in 1989 he was sent down for six years! There's 'justice' for you!

BLINDED

THE THAI authorities are worried that the sight of the Bangkok's slums will 'embarrass' them in the eyes of 1,300 bankers arriving for the International Monetary Fund meeting next month.

So they built a ten foot high wall around them!

WAIT A MINUTE Mr POSTMAN

RECENTLY WE in the postal service have been receiving our wage rises.

Nothing to celebrate all the same. Those in the Counters Business received just 7.8% with strings attached. Those in the Parcel Force got hit with a wage freeze due to losses being made that year.

At the moment morale in the Post Office is at its lowest point ever. Privatisation is now a mere stones throw away. So where do P.O. employees go from here.

We've already witnessed the apathetic stance taken by our union leaders, who are more concerned about their own cushy jobs than our needs (nothing new).

STRUGGLE

The answer lies within ourselves and our workmates. Class War Postal Workers is all about this; encouraging exactly this in our workforce. It is autonomous action which will deliver the goods, for us and the rest of our class.

We at CWPW produce a quarterly news sheet, as well encouraging the struggle to continue towards those directly and indirectly affected by our actions.

In the coming New year we intend to hold a national conference which will be mainly postal workers but also anybody else interested.

This is still in the planning stages, so if you think you can offer any assistance with this or you'd just like to recieve our news sheet contact CWPW through the Glasgow address.

STAND UP AND DELIVER YOUR ANGER.

CLASS WAR POSTAL WORKERS.

"IT'S MY PARTY AND I'LL EXPEL WHO I WANT TO"

HOLDING HANDS FOR SOCIALISM - NEIL PILLOCK & Co AT THE PARTY CONFERENCE WHERE THEY FAILED TO SHOW REAL ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM AND THE TORIES.

WITH THE next election now being put back to next year, to the anger of the I Labour Party. *Class War* looks at the possibility of a Labour govern-ment coming to power, and whether it would really make any difference now to the working class of this country.

The Labour Party is called by many people on the left as the Party of the working class. Although it is true its the party that most working class people vote for, it can't be said that it has ever given the working class anything to deserve the loyalty it receives.

In fact the exact opposite is true, the Labour Party stands in the way of real change, it offers many people the illusion of change,it gives people a excuse not to organise and fight back.

Nowadays its politics don't even pretend to represent working class people. A watered down version of the Conservative party, with no real principals, what ever the Tory's say Labour parrot.

The recent Labour Party Conference *proved even more, that they have nothing to* offer working class people. Not that it ever did, but now it doesn't even pretend.

Class War has never held any illusions about the Labour Party past or present. It is and always has been a softer version of Tories, When working class people are angry, offer them an alternative and call it a socialist government.

SHAKEN

The Tory Party is in crisis. After twelve years in office they are not only under attack for their policies, economic and political *(which have worried the establish-ment and the stock markets with high interest rates and increasing inflation figures)*, but also they have been forced to dump their beloved leader *(Thatcher)* and the Poll Tax after working class people fought back.

All this has shaken the Conservative Party to its foundations; even the Gulf War didnt improve their ratings in the opinion polls much. Another thing that is worrying the Tories is the fact that the Labour Party has risen to its old position of a "credible alternative" more to do with a rejection of Tory policies than a support for Labour one's.

But a "credible alternative " for who and for what? Credible to the British ruling class, establishment and industry and for the safe handling of the bosses interests.

To get to this position, as always, the Labour party has ditched any kind of link with left-wing policies and ideas, and moved continuously to the right, picking up the centre parties ground and consequently they *(the SDP and the Liberal Democrats)* have declined, bringing us back to the old two horse race of labour or Tory: take your pick...

But what does a Labour government really mean for the working class ?

The Labour Party is in a permanent state of crisis because, while it claims to represent the working class, its actions constantly prove that it does no such thing.

Labour

Left-wing groups like Militant say that rank and file pressure can force the next Labour government to carry out socialist policies. *(they've been trying that for 26 years, and they call Class War dreamers!)* Now there is a split, with the "Real Labour" emerging, as more Militants have been booted out of the Labour Party than are left in!

They just think that it's a problem of leaders who back down in the face of opposition from big business, the banks and international bosses organisations.

But this is a big con - for it is not a question of leadership that stops the Labour Party from implementing socialist policies, but the simple fact that Labour never have or never will be a Socialist party.

It never can be, even if it wanted to , for it is part of the capitalist system. Socialism (anarchism, whatever) comes about through revolution from below (us the working class) when we unite and take on the ruling class ourselves.

And not by voting for someone else to do it, but we will always be held back as long as people pin their hopes and dreams on a Labour party that will change nothing.

The Labour party is the enemy of the working class just as much as the Tories, there is absolutely no difference what-soever - a fact that many people find it hard to believe , or just don't want to believe. But reality is there, in history.

The Labour party in power has always acted in what it sees at the best interests of the British ruling class here and overseas.

LABOUR IN GOVERNMENT

- Within six days of the Labour government taking office in 1945, it sent conscript troops into the Surrey Docks, London, to break a ten week old strike. Three months later a national dock strike was smashed by the Labour government with the use of 21,000 conscript troops.
- In Greece after the Nazi surrender, 40,000 British troops were deployed to crush the revolutionary resistance.
- They turned the troops on the Malayan Liberation movement. They crushed the rising revolt of Indonesian nationalism in the interests of Dutch Capitalism and Imperialism.
- The Labour government used British troops to restore French rule in Vietnam, re-armed Japanese troops and condemned Vietnamese people to thirty years of bloody war.
- The Labour government created Zionist Israel and paved the way for genocide against the Palestinian people.
- In 1950, they declared illegal a boycott of a royal visit to Kenya and jailed its organisers. It then deployed tanks, planes and armed police across the Kenyan capital, Nairobi to crush a 18 day general strike.
- In Ireland they strengthened and guaranteed the loyalist Six County police state by passing the Government of Ireland act in 1949.
- In Germany in 1945 the Labour government obstructed the prosecution of Nazi-war criminals and supported the reinstatement of German bosses who had a long record of support and collaboration with the Hitler regime.
- In 1949 they brought Britain into the bosses NATO war machine.

The reason we have pointed all this out is that this was the brutal reality of the first 'socialist' post-war government, the object of much nostalgic yearning by the Labour left of today.

The policies and practices of the Labour Party ever since have confirmed the indisputable fact that Labour is a anti-working class, racist, pro-bosses party through and through.

IRELAND

In Ireland, they sent in the British troops in 1969, introduced the anti-Irish Prevention of Terrorism act in 1974. Encouraged a regime of terror through the "Ulsterisation" policy, withdrew Special Category status from Irish political prisoners, built the H-Blocks and OK'd the torture of Irish political prisoners.

Finally they agreed to give extra seats to the Loyalists to keep the Labour government in power in 1978/79 and supported the murder of ten Irish hunger strikers in 1981.

RACISM & IMMIGRATION

The Labour government introduced the Immigration Act in 1968 which removed the right of British passport holders to enter Britain unless they had a grandparent resident in the country. In 1969 they removed the right of admission to Britain from the husbands and fiances of immigrants.

Labour

Labour implemented the 1971 Immigr-ation Act, when they got into power. This act also extended powers of deportation and introduced the disgusting "virginity" tests which were carried out on Asian women immigrants.

In searches for "illegal immigrants", Labour used hundreds of police in blanket raids. A quarter of the Metropolitan Police force was used to smash the Grunwick strike, in 1974, by Asian women workers.

They used 5,000 police to protect an NF meeting in Southall in 1979. The police, launched a massive attack on anti-fascists - arresting 800 people, injuring 1,000 and killing Blair Peach.

CONCLUSION

There is no question that the Labour Party is an anti-working class party that can never bring about socialism and can never be reformed. The illusion, and the party, must be smashed.

It is one of the biggest obstacles in the way of working class resistance, change and revolution social and political. There is no other way.

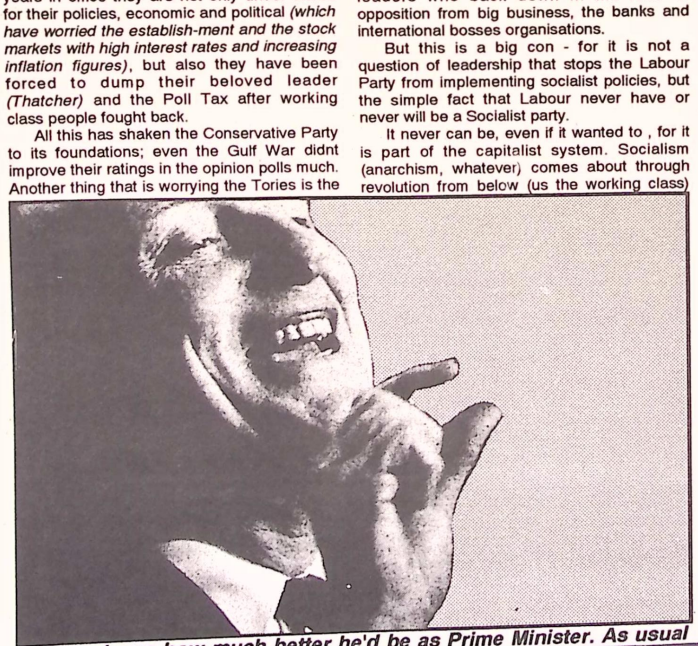
After 12 years of the Conservative Party, people are desperate for change, desperate to get rid of all the shitty anti-working class laws that have been forced upon us - but these will only be smashed by working class people organising themselves, not by voting Labour in 1992.

Just take the poll tax. If we would have listened to the Labour Party, who said they would get rid of the poll tax in a lifetime of government, we would have been waiting for seven years (if they would have got to power). Until then we would have had to pay up and suffer because "that's the law".

Voting changes nothing, it just means a new capitalist government with a different name.

The last Labour government was brought down by it's war against the working class - brought down by the same people its supposed to represent.

Class War along with the majority of working class people know exactly what the Labour Party represents. It should be every socialist's task not to build the ***Labour Party but to smash it.***



Pillock shows how much better he'd be as Prime Minister. As usual though he's exagerating in an attempt to win more votes!

COUP! WHAT A SCORCHER

WITH THE smashing of stalinism in the USSR. The Russian establishment is in a state of near chaos. This is because the Communist Party clung on to the reigns of power as long as it possibly could.

Old style Stalinism, tried to make it's last stand, and in doing so, and failing miserably, destroyed the their only power base, the Communist Party.

The people who samshed the coup did not oppose it in the hope of haviong a Western style capitalist democracy, they smashed it because they couldn't put bread on the table and clothes in the shops.

For most people in USSR communism meant poverty, but this wasn't because communism failed, it was because communism, in its true form, never existed there in the first place.

THE FORM of communism that developed in the Eastern Bloc following the 1917 revolution was very different from that envisaged by the original Communist revolutionaries.

In fact, to even call the forms of government and economic management that were developed from the 1920s' communist is an insult to the very word.

The one party states, centrally planned economies, and secret police have as much in common with real Communism as John Major has with Socialism, their degeneration, however, handed the West an excellent propaganda weapon, and enabled them to portray all things evil as Communist, even when they were obviously not.

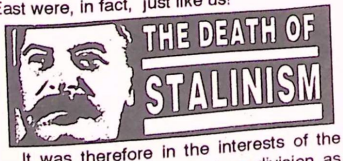
THE BARRICADES GO UP IN MOSCOW

Not only was the situation used to make Communism a dirty word, but Western propaganda also made the people of the East into some sort of ogres.

REVOLTS

An example of this was the 'reds under the bed' hysteria, and the ridiculous hatred/fear of 'Russkies'.

The greatest fear of the western ruling class was that their working class would realise and learn from the mistakes made in the name of Communism in the East, and we would come to realise the people in the East were, in fact, just like us!



It was therefore in the interests of the ruling class to create as big a division as possible between us and them.

They were of course aided in this by the Stalinist propagandists in the East, who were equally determined to hold on to their power, and therefore told their people an equally ridiculous load of bollocks.

Both sides used the 'cold war' to justify the measures they adopted in the name of 'national security' or 'defence of the motherland/fatherland', and to ensure that there was no real physical contact between ordinary working people from the East and West. *All that we had to go on was the lies and hysteria that they fed us!*

This complete lack of knowledge of course helped to increase the 'surprise' effect of the popular revolts that have occurred in the Eastern Bloc over the last three years. In reality of course there was nothing surprising at all that people in the East should revolt, and are continuing to do so.

After decades of living as near slaves, under the control of party bureaucrats and secret police, with continuous shortages, and continuous wars, it was completely natural that one day the people would revolt.

The behaviour of the ruling class in the East, for that is what they became, is in reality similar to that of our ruling class, as both of them are only concerned in increasing their power, and lining their own pockets.

However, both lots are equally aware that they are sitting on a powder keg.

Just as every now and then our ruling class grants us reforms to make us think we're better off, so the more far-sighted rulers in the East have, over the last 20 years, commenced a process of liberalisation.

The best examples of this are Gorbachev and Yeltsin, who say they are in favour of a democratic society based on a mixed economy (part free market/part planned economy).

They have been forced into this largely by the economic mess the East is in, which is due largely to the enormous amounts spent on the military and security forces.

But the real force behind their political U-turn (they are both life-long Communist Party bureaucrats) has has been the stirrings amongst the working class, who quite rightly reached the conclusion that things couldn't get any worse!

The best example of these early stirrings is the Solidarity movement in Poland from 1980 onwards, which put the wind up the ruling class across the whole Eastern Bloc.

Undoubtedly Solidaritys' early success gave encouragement to workers all over the East, and it did of course get much exposure/support in the West - the first revolt in the East to do so.

We now know there have been literally hundreds of revolts throughout the Eastern Bloc since it began, beginning with the Anarchist opposition to the betrayal of the 1917 revolution.

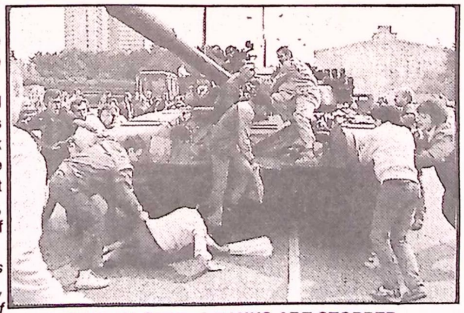
But the wall created between East and West, and the power of the military/security forces, ensured that until Solidarity, all revolts were kept more or less secret, and crushed ruthlessly.

The last decade or so has therefore seen a battle in the East between the Stalinist hardliners and the Liberals, with the former trying to keep the lid on the powder keg, and the latter seeking to let the peoples anger out a bit at a time, and if possible use it to their own advantage.

UPRISINGS

It should be stressed that neither were interested in what was best for ordinary people, they were only interested in ensuring that they stayed in control, and that there was not a revolution.

Their aim has been either to keep people down with guns and tanks, or through more subtle means of divide and rule.



COUP PLOTTERS TANKS ARE STOPPED

So what of the situation now? We have seen revolts and uprisings in every Eastern Bloc country, with some being more bloody than others.. In each country, moves have been made towards some form of parliamentary democracy, and towards a mixed economy.

However, whilst some of the uprisings could be termed revolutionary in that leaders have been overthrown and systems changed (a bit), in no country can it be said that a social revolution has yet occurred, although events are far from over.

UNSTABLE

The reality for most workers remains much the same as it was 5 years ago - low wages, high prices, generally poor living conditions, and still little, or no real say in how their society is run.

They do have more freedom of movement, but have found the West doesn't want them.

They have also found that the problems of their old system has been made made much worse by exposure to Capitalism i.e. worse unemployment.

The West now admits that things will continue to get worse for much longer, indeed the West sees the East as so unstable that they can't even be bothered to make the initial investment required to exploit the cheap labour in the East.

In short the workers in the East are now in the 'worst of both worlds', suffering simultaneously the failures of both the East and Wests economic systems (State Capitalism and State Communism).

TENSIONS

In many cases their new bosses/ruling class is almost exactly the same as the old. So was that struggle worth it?

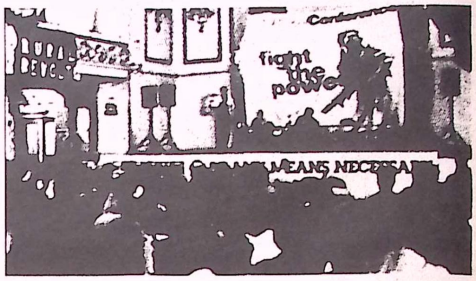
Many workers may well feel bitter that so little is better now, and this is reflected in the increasing racial/ethnic/national/religious tensions, there is now a power vacuum waiting to be filled.

And this is what is important for all those with libertarian politics. We have seen how easy it can be for others to overthrow their rulers. And workers in the East are unlikely to just lie down and accept the same old crap as before.

The potential for a true social revolution is there, is just means going out and organising for it.

A MOSCOW DEMONSTRATOR - WOUNDED FIGHTING THE COUP.

SIX DAYS IN SHOREDITCH



DUBBED "The rottwellers of the left" by some, the Class War Federation organised their first International Conference in the last week of September, in Shoreditch Town Hall, East London.

Following on from a conference of 2000 revolutionaries in Venice in June, Class War's aim was to help to make international the growing autonomous movements in European countries and beyond.

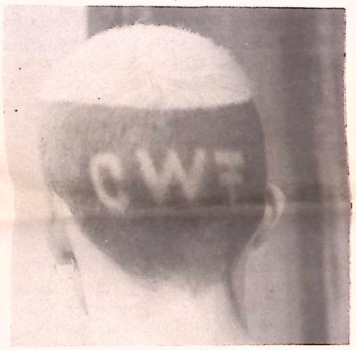
This was done through a process of debate, argument, discussion, constructive and negative criticism, ALL with a growing awareness of the different situations and cultures in which the class struggle has to operate.

Over 400 delegates and individuals from groups from 20 countries took part in the morning mass assemblies of 'sober debate'.

After the dinner break, the conference broke up into smaller 'workshop' groups to discuss subjects in greater depth.

Topics ranged from "Why anti-capitalism?", "Why Revolution?", through to "The New Order", "Women's Struggles", "Black Struggles" and way beyond.

In the evenings, we were treated to a massive range of fringe meetings for anyone who had an interest: "Sexuality", "Politics in Sport", "Revolutionary Green Politics", "Prisoners' Support"; and that's just a few of them!



The most contentious debates were on economics and economic analysis, and on the position and views of women in the Libertarian movement.

All this was topped off with five wild nights of music, socialising, chat, argument, drinking and karaoke!

The week ended with a packed rally on the Saturday afternoon, and a packed-to-the-nines gig in the evening. Which ended with a spot of nazi-bashing, well it would of if they hadn't run so fast!

This historic event in the history of historic struggle in Britain and Europe was a great benefit to all: bringing together a wide range of libertarians with similar views.

We drew encouragement from the popular revolts in Eastern Europe, while remaining well aware of the growth of nationalism and racism too.

With capitalism in permanent recession, the question that came out was not *"When will Social Upheaval Occur?"* but *"In Which Direction Shall We Make it Go?"*

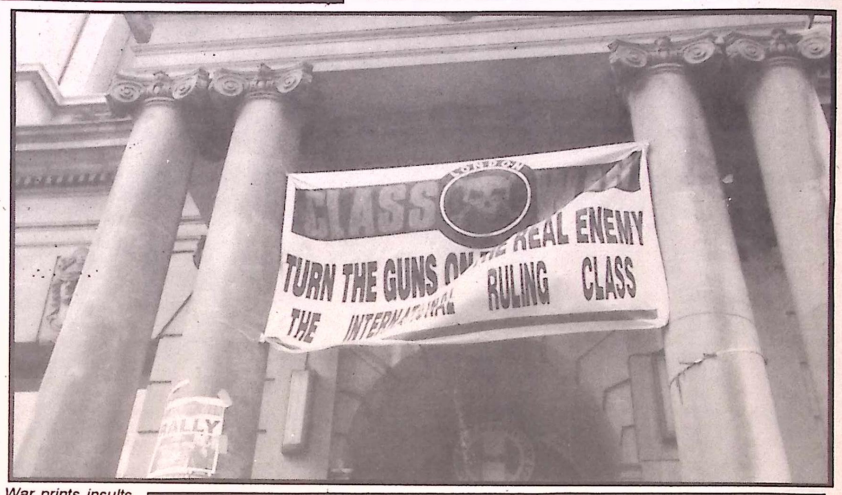
So...Where next for the Class War Federation?

As Colin Robinson of Verso (who are publishing *A Decade of Disorder*) said in *'The Guardian'* straight after the International Conference: *"Class War prints insults aimed at the rich and powerful which millions think and say..."*

The need NOW is to encourage ordinary people's distrust and hatred of authority and the rich, shown all too clearly by rioting and attacks on cops and bailiffs, to more political awareness and greater resistance against capitalism, the State and the lackeys of both.

Whoever wins the next General Election is IRRELEVANT, a set of false choices that offer us no changes or improvement to our lives.

But OUR time is coming, and Class War has to play an important role.



ON THE Saturday of the Conference some boneheads tried to attack the gig.

However they got no closer than the far side of the road when they spotted that instead of running off, our stewards, and others, charged them.

The 'master race' then ran away as fast as they could! Obviously not used to contending with anyone who wasn't; vastly outnumbered, a woman, or drawing a pension!

However later on two people were arrested. One, a comrade from Germany is facing charges of possession of weapons, and is being kept in nick.

Letters of support and donations for this friend are needed.

Please send via: London CW, PO Box 467, London E8 3QX

or... phone the Class War Hotline, Tel: 061 226 1293.

GOTCHA!

EXPOSED! This sniveling, upper class product of years of inbreeding is a *Sunday Telegraph* reporter who tried (not very successfully!) to 'infiltrate' the Karaoke night. After being spotted he was forced to sing "Backstabbers" and then given the heave-ho, along with his camera man. *He rang up the next day begging us not to print the photos of it!*

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LETTERS

WE WELCOME LETTERS ON ALL SUBJECTS PLEASE SEND TO;

CLASS NOT CREED

Dear Class War,

A few words from anarchists in the north of Ireland, six countles or whatever. When are Class War going to cur the crap on the pro/anti IRA debate?

A lot of points raised may be fair enough but the fact remains that the IRA are not a working class organisation and it is a great pity that, with no united working class opposition to the state, that some Catholic workers still join them as they're *"the only alternative"* to British Imperialism.

The IRA are nationalists, like any other nationalists that anarchists oppose the world over. They might not be as blatantly right wing or fascist as Loyalist groups and there be a better historic reason for their existence but there it ends.

As for those who say the struggle here must be accepted for what it is - *bollocks!* fair enough Loyalists may be akin to the NF (as Dave Douglass suggests in CW 48), but being a Protestant worker does not mean being a Loyalist.

SURPRISED

Some of your readers might be surprised at the amount of Protestant and Catholic workers who support neither IRA, UDA or RUC! *Not that they can be blamed*, misrepresentation due to the media and fear on the peoples part when it comes to speaking out are largely responsible for this lack of information.

The North of Ireland Anarchist Network hopes to change this and Class War supporters can best help us by sticking to their politics and not swapping from *anarchist/working class to pro - IRA/ Republicanism on the "Northern Ireland* Question".

As a brief note the N.I.A.N. grew out of the Derry Anarchist and Belfast Class Struggle Anarchist Groups in the wake of Class War public meetings we 'hosted' here in August.

The network involves working class people from both 'catholic' and 'Protestant' backgrounds. Religion, sectarianism and nationalism (Irish or British) are barriers we must overcome in class struggle and we again call on your support.

Class not creed,

North of Ireland Anarchist Network.

Belfast.

DRAFT EXCLUDER

Dear Class War

While visiting two old mates in France, I realised that conscription: compulsory military service, is still in place all over Europe.

I've always seen such "national service" as the ruling class' way of keeping the working class in place; but it's great to see the increasing growth in draft evasion: telling the 'authorities' where to stuff their conscription papers!

Regards,

Darren,

South London.

Social Workers

Dear Class War,

I just thought your readers might be interested in how to wind up the middle class wanky students who seem to make up the vast majority of the Socialist Workers Party around here.

Me and a few mates go around with marker pens and alter their crap, bleating stickers and posters by blacking out the 'ist' stickers and posters by blacking out the 'ist' on the end of socialist - so that it reads Social Workers Party!

Not only is this a truer statement about their membership, but watching them frantically trying to rip down their own stickers etc when we've done it is a right laugh!

Don't kick out the Tories - kick them in!

The Anti-Yuppie squad,

Swansea.

A QUESTION OF MORALS

Dear Class War

Just a wee note to comment on the J.R. Hartley letter in issue No. 48, concerning animal rights and vegetarianism.

As a working class person who has been a vegetarian for the last 6 years I find it insulting that he/she dictates that meat eating is working class. Sure we all grew up through the days when "meat and two veg" was shoved down our throats courtesy of the meat-marketing board.

If you varied from this you were obviously going to become under-nourished within a very short period of time. Once you break the psychological mould that's imposed on your mind through advertising and the supermarket shelf then the combinations are endless (and cheaper).

Now I don't believe that the majority of our class like the thought of an animal endlessly suffering. How much more anger and outrage should we not feel about the big business is mass producing and slaughtering animals for the market place.

RIDICULED

Just so we can stuff our faces and die younger than we should from bowel cancer and heart disease *(which have their highest incidence in countries with a high meat consumption).*

So short of petrol bombing the culprits, responsible people like myself 'refuse' to be told what to eat or have our morality compromised in the process and I feel that this refusal should be encompassed in the class struggle rather than being held up, ridiculed and disregarded as something of no concern.

After all if more and more people give up eating meat it will make way for more and more land for growing crops which would provide enough food to end starvation. But the bosses and the politicians would have to go at the same time to make it successful.

Keep up the good work.

Yours, Donald Cameron,

Western Australia.

REPLY

Donald Cameron's letter, raises a few points about our relationship to 'vegetarian politics', and how it relates to class struggle.

Firstly, Donald suggests that the J.R. Hartley letter is dictating to him to eat meat because he is working class and believes in class struggle.

As far as we can make out, this is not the intention of the letter, nowhere does it say working class = meat-eater. We also hold that same view.

Now that point is cleared up (we hope), we would criticise the contents of Donald's letter for a number of reasons.

DUPED

Firstly, we find it extremely patronising to suggest that people eat meat because they are duped by the meat-marketing board, and all that is needed is for them to break the 'psychological mould' and become a 'responsible person'.

You must have a dim view of the working class, who are helplessly entrapped by *' meat-consumerism'*; how could such a class, in your view, even achieve revolution.

The fact is the majority of people in the world choose to eat meat. Revolution would not change these state of affairs, and it would be ludicrous to suggest that someone is more revolutionary by the fact that they do not eat meat.

Secondly, on the issue of health, though you may be partially correct that a lot of heavy meat-eating nations do suffer with health problems, it is not meat-eating which is the main culprit.

The fact is that it over-eating that is the problem as well as bad lifestyles we all indulge in, fuck all exercise, stress, etc. Drinking and smoking are without a doubt more destructive to our healths than meat-eating.

LUNACY

Thirdly, what you pass of as political struggle is a question of morality, you say so yourself. The fact is you probably, regard all slaughter of animals unacceptable, not just that which is done by big business, and therefore consumption of meat as well.

Most people do not regard it as morally unacceptable, we do not regard it as politically uncorrect or even counter-revolutionary. It's just a different moral stance.

Dressing up this basic moral issue as a political point by suggesting that vegetarianism is a solution to world hunger is a great disservice to your argument.

It is not meat-eating or even the western consumption that causes starvation and world poverty; it is the lunacy of the free market and profit motivated economics which is the culprit.

Stopping meat-eating is not a requirement for ending world hunger. At best it is a delusion on the part of vegetarians, at worst it is an excuse for promoting vegetarianism, when all other arguments are lost.

We are not ridiculing you for your stance, we just feel that it is important that we state that we do not see it necessary or fruitful to have a vegetarian/animal rights perspective in our overall class struggle analysis or actions.

CLASS WAR FEDERATION *(which contains vegans, vegetarians and meat-eaters).*

THIS IS CLASS WAR

The **CLASS WAR FEDERATION** is an organisation of local groups and individuals who have come together to do something about the society we live in.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

This society is divided into classes based on wealth and power. The ruling class, who are supported by the middle class, and the working class. Such a society is the cause of all the problems experienced by working class people the whole world over.

This can only be sorted out by the destruction of the ruling class by the working class. This is class war.

Real change can only come about by working class people organising themselves to deal with the problems they experience, using direct action against the individuals and institutions that cause them. There is no alternative. Violence is a necessary part of class war, but only as mass class violence out in the open, not as elitist terrorist actions.

The law is merely a weapon of the ruling class and must be ignored and broken as the need arises.

The ruling class divide us by preying on petty differences of race, sex, sexual preference , age, or football team you support. We will destroy these barriers.

Above all, the **CLASS WAR FEDERATION** believe politics is life, and life is politics. We reject the boring character of the so-called "revolutionary left". Politics must be fun, it's a part of ordinary every day to day life and must be able to take the piss out of itself !

OUR AIM

The aim of the **CLASS WAR FEDERATION** is not to lead, but to increase the militancy of working class peoples attempts to solve their problems through propaganda, active participation *and debate as equals.*

WHAT WE DO

The CLASS WAR FEDERATION *produce and distribute propaganda; a paper, journal, local leaflets and newsletters. We are involved in working class struggles and we encourage involvement in the* **CLASS WAR FEDERATION** *to do the above, for discussion, and for a laugh!*

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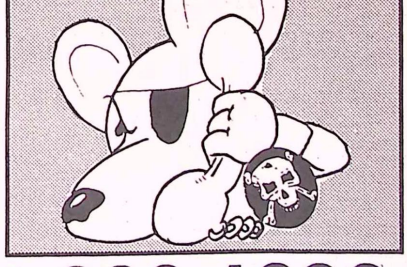

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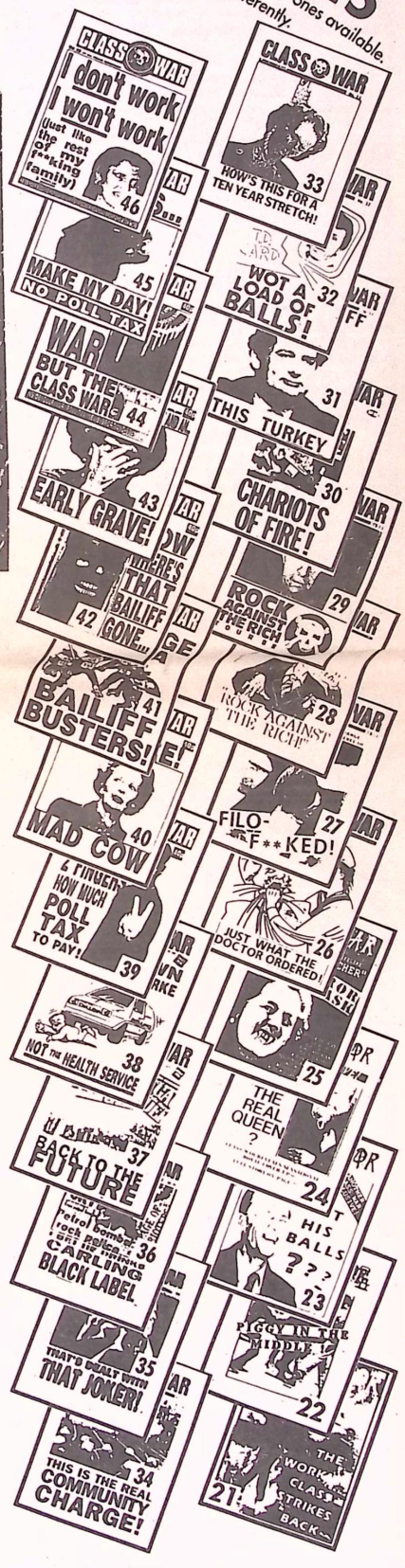

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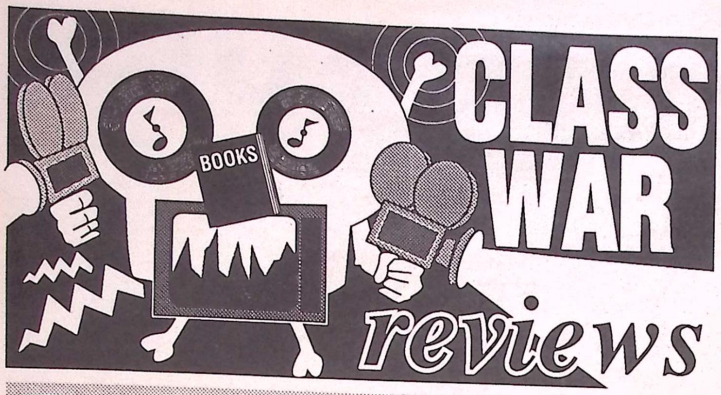


SCREEN

LET HIM HAVE IT (15)

UK 1991 118 mins. Dir.Peter Medak starring: Christopher Eccleston, Paul Reynolds,Tom Courtenay.

Peter Medak, director of the 'The Krays' successfully retells the true life story of two Croydon boys, Derek (Bentley) and Craig.

Derek was sent to the gallows after a robbery they were involved in was interrupted by coppers, one copper being shot by the youngest of the pair, Craig.

But, being too young for prosecution, meant the case for murder was brought against Derek Bentley, not Craig. The prosecution rested their case on Derek, allegedly telling Craig to ***"Let him have it'.***

A bit of a gloomy one, this one, but it does highlight one of the miscarriages of justice (amongst so many) of our time.

Go and see this film and when the cop cops it, give a good cheer! *Maybe one day they'll make a film on Harry Roberts.*

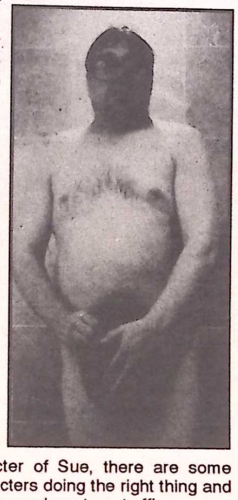
Now that would be some good entertainment!

RIF-RAFF. (15)

95 MINS. DIR. KEN LOACH. STARRING ROBERT CARLYLE, RICKY TOMLINSON, GARRIE LAMMIN, EMER McCOURT.

This is a well humorous account of the comings and goings on a hazardous London building site.

Telling the story of a group of labourers from all over the country employed by a right wanker of a gaffer, played by Garrie Lammin, to transform an old hospital into some posh flats for some **colonising yuppies.**



Some on-the-ball class politics and a credible portrayal of how dire building site working conditions can be.

Apart from the irritatingly drippy character of Sue, there are some likeable characters doing the right thing and telling the bosses where to get off!

95 minutes bloody well spent.

IN PRINT

OPEN EYE.

This magazine is a must for all conspiracy theory junkies out there, who are more perceptive than paranoid.

The publishers should be congratulated for lifting this style of **investigative journalism** out of its usual obscure self-stylised publications (which typically say more about the writers own paranoias than the goings on of our 'democratic establishments'), and putting it into a format which could well gain a mass audience.

But it'd be pretty good if you could pick this up in W H Smith, instead of from various boring lefty mags.

It's informative with good, if predictable, articles on the New World Order, the Economic League, FBIC (an expose on their crushing of the Native American, militant Black Panther Party).

An article on the falklands goes into irritating miniscule detail and one on permuculture (whatever that means) seemed out of place.

Worth a read. Below is the address where to get it from. *(They assure us they have nothing to do with the SWP).* **£1 + 40p p&p to: OPEN EYE, c/o Book marks, 265 Seven Sisters Rd, Finsbury Park, LONDON, N4 2DE,**

THE BIGGER TORY VOTE

BY NICK TOXIK (AK PRESS)

Well I never, a total (well near enough) expose on all those dodgy little extreme right wing groups, who could quite justifiably be called Crypto-fascist fronts.

And this booklet goes full out to prove it.

This is definitely a valuable piece of literature, a sort of *who's who* in the extreme right-wing / fascist circles of this country.

Household names keep cropping up, like **Lady Jane "proud to be a bigot" Birdwood**, former Tory cabinet minister **G.K. Young** (frontman, in the Tory/fascist link),..

and that Tory darling **Nicholas "don't trust them German types" Riddley,** *(the man who granted the NF their much awaited limited company status whilst at the Dept of Trade and Industry!).*

No, but seriously, there's loadsa shit and essential information on these wankers - even if sometimes it's a bit mind-boggling *(could have done with some diagrams to explain the complicated relationships between them all).*

This booklet well and truly knocks on the head, the idea that it's only **nutty** skinheads and their even nuttier leaders involved in the fascist scam.

Available from AK Distribution (see ad in paper).

VINYL

TERMINUS "What Kind of World?"

(Words of Warning label)

Terminus offer two politico-punk classics - Although rocky, these songs stir the emotions in a way that can only be compared to bands like **Conflict**, in that the lyrics, vocals and music are *angry, hard-hitting and uplifting.*

The record comes complete with an excellent *8-page booklet/cover* that illustrates Terminus' political viewpoint and attitude.

Available from: **Words of Warning, PO Box 119, Newport, Gwent, Wales NP9 7YD for £1.50,** *a bargain if ever there was one!*

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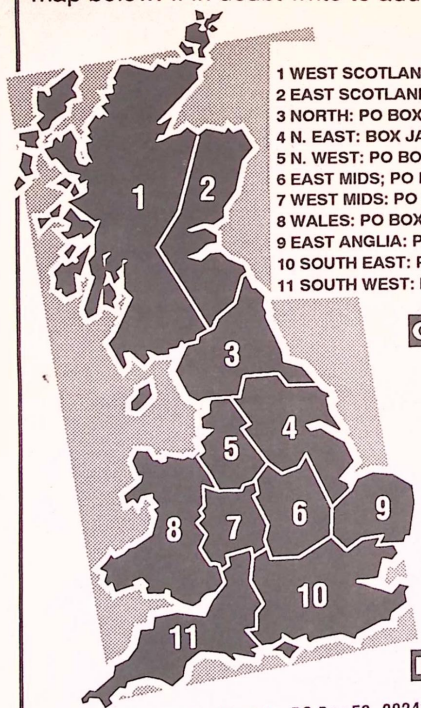

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THE MEETING

LONDON CLASS WAR are holding a public meeting on:
Wednesday October 30th, 7.30 pm, at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London (near Holborn underground)
There will be discussion on what's been happening in Britain, and beyond, and a look at likely future developments.
Everyone welcome.

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SPORT

THE GREATEST GAME

Not only are the directors and administrators of *football* a load of ignorant pillocks..

..It seems the same can be said for the administrators of **Rugby League** according to ***"The Greatest Game,"*** the fanzine of the Rugby League Supporters Association.

DOING DAMAGE

In their latest issue they highlight how the petty bickering between the two organisations which run the sport , the *Rugby Football League (RFL)* who look after the professional side of the sport and the *British Amateur Rugby League Association (BARLA)*, threatens to damage the game.

Other articles include how fans have been ripped off by a commercial company brought in to help market the game; *the 'Oh dear, what has happened to our kits' controversy*, (similar to that raging in soccer circles), and a healthy debate in the letters page about issues affecting the supporters of Rugby League.

Anyone interested further should contact

The Greatest Game
The Rugby League Supporters' Association,
Box 1895,
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GET IN TOUCH!

We'd like to hear from supporters of any sport about how their interests have been affected by professional administrators of their game (directors, bosses of the ruling bodies etc) **and the actions taken in fighting back against them** - such as the formation of a supporters association or good old Class Justice.

Just drop us a line at the Bristol address.

WHO THE FUCK DOES HE THINK HE IS?

As all Arsenal fans will know by now the club's reward for their support over many seasons is THE BOND scheme.

No this is not some secret weapon to win a third championship in four years but a scheme to fleece supporters of their money.

If you've got a spare £1500 you should expect a ten year season ticket. With this scheme you only buy the privilege of ***being able*** to purchase a season ticket for the next five years plus the dubious benefits of having your name on a seat, the use of a creche, a museum and fast food outlets.

DASTARDLY DEIN!

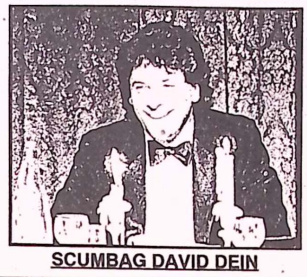
It's obvious the only people who'll be able to afford it are the rich scum who attach themselves to teams who are successful at the time - at the expense of loyal working class fans.

*Its the brainchild of the new majority shareholder **David Dein** who owns just under half of Arsenal's shares.*

With his track record in business Arsenal fans should be worried about the future of their club. In 1984 Dein's company, a sugar trading business **lost** £13 million and according to the latest figures still owes its creditors about £14 million. *He is now in charge of the club's money!*

DUBIOUS DEIN!

Although he says he is a fan, the claim looks dubious. He is one of the main influences behind the **Super League** idea, and dismisses the claims that the **Bond scheme** will affect those supporters who can't afford it by announcing that the club is not run as a charitable institution.



SCUMBAG DAVID DEIN

Well, David 'Dickhead ' Dein, it is these types of supporters who have helped finance the club through its long and distinguished history and they are not going to let some smartarse from the city like you get away with your money making scam at their expense.

Robert Maxwell only cut down his football activities due to action by the supporters of the clubs he tried to make money from. **David Dein, the same fate will await you also. - Just who the hell do you think you are!**

FACTS ABOUT THE BOND

1, - Season ticket prices rose an astonishing 73% compared to last season so that the bond offer is made to look good value for money. The season tickets in the East Upper stand are now the most expensive in the country.

2, -*Dein 's scheme will make selling tickets on the day of the match a thing of the past but will not prevent Match day tickets getting into the hands of the Touts who will charge exorbitant prices for the privilege of watching the match.*

3, - Only 4,000 out of 10,000 bonds have been sold so far.

4, - *In a recent poll 88% of fans were against the Arsenal Bond while 66% felt pressured into buying a Bond.*

5, - A range of ways could be used to raise money without being unfair to ordinary fans. These include selling shares in the club to the supporters.

6, - *Barcelona run a scheme similar to the Bond. As a result the ground is rarely two thirds full .*

7, - The only good thing about Barcelona's scheme is that the members get to vote for the club chairman every four years. I wonder why Dein hasn't put this up as a benefit to Bond holders in Arsenal's scheme.

Thanks to the Arsenal fanzine *"One - nil down, Two - one up"* for the information.

SPORT AID RIP OFF '88

Although Band Aid raised millions of pounds for charities in the developing countries to prevent famine, as well as resurrecting the careers of many pop stars well past their sell-by date, other events in following years have been less successful.

One of these was ***Sport Aid '88*** when ordinary people around the world were asked to'Run for the World'.

Over 50,000 people ran around Hyde Park, while over 250,000 ran throughout the British Isles, **yet no money raised here has ever reached the people it was intended for.**

So why was this?

WIDE BOYS

The two organisers, ***Simon Dring*** and ***Chris Long*** , who had worked on the Band Aid project decided to go one better and in publicising the event splashed out over **£2.5 million** on satellite links and a world pop concert.

They set up two parts to their organisation, one part was the trust responsible for donating the money raised to various charitable projects, while the other was a limited company called **Sport for Sport Aid Ltd.** set up to organise the events.

*In the ensuing chaos the potential sponsor, **7-UP** pulled out of the event, and less than the expected 750,000 runners participated. This resulted in the limited company going bust along with other small firms who were owed money, and many people being made redundant.*

An estimated half a million pounds was raised and deposited with the trust, but this money has been frozen by the courts while the creditors and trustees argue over it.

CHARITY HYPOCRISY

While thousands of ordinary people thought that by taking part they would help others less fortunate (or just more exploited) than themselves, they only ended up paying the wages of Dring and Long.

In a television interview Long admitted mistakes were made, however it seems he hasn't learned any lessons either. Since then he has set up another company called the **Challenge group** in order to promote sporting events. They were responsible for promoting a yachting grand prix on the Clyde. ***This event lost a million pounds!***

Charity is the tool used, not only to ease the guilt of the rich but to enable Wide boys like Dring and Long to make money out of misery.

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